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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A printhead assembly for removable mounting within a printer unit, the printhead assembly comprising:

at least one printhead module comprising at least two printhead integrated circuits, each of which has nozzles formed therein for delivering printing fluid onto the surface of print media, and a support member supporting and carrying the printing fluid for the at least two printhead integrated circuits;

a casing in which the at least one printhead module is removably mounted so as to form a print surface from which the printing fluid is delivered onto the print media; and

a print media guide mounted to the casing adjacent the print surface, a print media contact surface of the print media guide being coincident with the print surface so as to guide print media across the print surface for printing without making direct contact with the nozzles of the printhead integrated circuits.

2. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein the print media guide is arranged to substantially prevent the print media from impinging on the nozzles of each of the at least two printhead integrated circuits.

3. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein the print media guide is arranged to provide a gap between the nozzles of each of the at least two printhead integrated circuits and the passing print media.

4. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

the at least one printhead module is formed as a unitary arrangement of the at least two printhead integrated circuits, the support member, at least one fluid distribution member mounting the at least two printhead integrated circuits to the support member, and an electrical connector for connecting electrical signals to the at least two printhead integrated circuits; and

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the support member has at least one longitudinally extending channel for carrying the printing fluid for the printhead integrated circuits and includes a plurality of apertures extending through a wall of the support member arranged so as to direct the printing fluid from the at least one channel to associated nozzles in both, or if more than two, all of the printhead integrated circuits by way of respective ones of the fluid distribution members.